

# City Works



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## Burlington Citizens Police Academy

On December 12, 2013 the first class of Burlington's Citizens Police Academy graduates received their completion certificates. During the ten week course, participants learned about the police profession, the criminal justice system, emergency management, patrol operations, traffic and DWI enforcement, crime scene investigations, criminal investigations, gangs, arrest procedures, viewed K-9 demonstrations and participated in driving and weapon simulations.



All of these sessions were designed with the objective to build trust in the Burlington Police Department through transparency with the citizens of Burlington. Other goals in mind were to increase communication between citizens and their Police Department and to... See **Citizens Academy** on Page 3

### Dates to Remember:

**Summer Camp Registration Begins**  
February 3  
222-5030

**E-Waste Drop-Off**  
February 8  
9am-2pm  
222-5111

**Oz! The Musical**  
Teen 2 Teen Theatre  
March 7-9  
570-6516

## Leaf Collection Convenience Call-In



The City's Cemetery and Grounds Division has been working hard this fall and winter to collect loose leaves left on the curb by Burlington residents. From October to January, crews travel the city in scheduled collection zones to remove loose leaves.

During the month of February, if you still have leaves that are ready to be collected, you can call in and let the Public Works Department know. By calling 222-5005 and leaving your address, your residence will be placed on a "convenience schedule" to have your loose leaves collected.

# Bulk Waste Pick-Up Fee Waiver

In an effort to help residents keep their communities clean, the Burlington City Council is **waiving bulk collection fees** for a limited time. This promotion applies to residential units currently receiving bulk collection services. Please be sure to place all bulk waste out one day prior to your normal trash pickup day.

**What:** No fees will be charged for bulk yard waste, bulk junk or bulk metals/white goods during this time period. *Normally, bulk collection fees are \$6.75 per “bite” of the bulk trucks (bulk yard waste truck, bulk junk truck, bulk metal/white goods truck) unless only one bite per type of bulk is placed for pickup, in which case, there is no charge.*

**When:** March 3, 2014 through May 2, 2014 — Items collected prior to or after this period will be billed as normal.



## **Bulk Yard Waste**

- Tree trimmings 6 feet or less in length
- Limbs 6 inches or less in diameter
- Note that collection of small yard waste items, properly placed/containerized are always collected at no charge
- All yard waste is taken to be recycled
- Containerize all loose leaves, pine needles, etc.



## **Bulk Junk**

- Large household items
- Mattresses
- Sofas
- Large furniture items
- Rolled carpet



## **Bulk Metal/White Goods**

- Large appliances
- White goods
- Large metals
- All metal/white goods are taken to be recycled

## **Items NOT Collected**

- Used Oil and Filters, Anti-freeze, Lead Acid Batteries
- Scrap Tires
- Construction Debris and Wood Pallets
- Oyster Shells
- Florescent light tubes
- Recyclables (collected separately by Waste Industries)
- Electronics (e-waste)

## **Have Questions?**

Contact the Sanitation Division at:

Phone: 336-222-5111

[kmurray@ci.burlington.nc.us](mailto:kmurray@ci.burlington.nc.us)

For general information about sanitation services please visit [www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Sanitation](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Sanitation) .

# Burlington Citizens Police Academy, Continued

**Citizens Academy** from Page 1 ...provide education and insight to the community regarding the duties of a Burlington Police Officer.

Of her experience in the program, Pauline Indalecio said, “It has been a great program and I tell everyone about it and encourage them to apply for the upcoming classes.”

Another Academy participant, Jack Rutherford, said “The Citizens Police Academy has been a blast!” Adding, “We have learned so much about the inner workings of the Department and have learned that the men and women behind the Department are great folks.”



Thanks to the great success of the first session of the Citizens Police Academy, the Burlington Police Department is proud to announce that it will offer a Spring session, beginning in March, 2014.

To qualify for participation, applicants must be 18 years old, be willing to commit to attending at least one 3-hour class per week for 10 weeks, and have no prior felony convictions or misdemeanors that would call the moral character of the applicant into question. If you are interested in applying for the Spring 2014 Citizens Police Academy, visit [www.BurlingtonNC.gov/PDCitizensAcademy](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/PDCitizensAcademy) to obtain an online application or call Granville Simmons at 229-3146 for more information.

## Electronic Waste Drop-Off Event

**T**he City of Burlington will host a free electronic-waste recycling event on Saturday, February 8th from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM in the parking lot of the Public Works building, located at 234 East Summit Avenue.

Any resident can come to the Public Works' parking lot to drop off electronic devices to be recycled. Business disposal of e-waste will be prohibited. Signage and traffic cones will be in place to help direct recyclers to the proper location. Home electronics, personal computers, personal electronics and many other miscellaneous electronic devices will be accepted at the e-waste recycling event. Batteries are not accepted and alkaline batteries must be removed from electronic devices before they are recycled. White goods, appliances, air conditioning units and other non-electronic items will not be accepted.



More information about the items accepted at the e-waste recycling event and about electronics banned from landfills can be found on the City's website at [www.BurlingtonNC.gov/ewaste](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/ewaste). For more information about the e-waste recycling event or the sustainability efforts of the City of Burlington, contact the City's Sustainability Division at 222-5095.

# Home Heating Tips From the Burlington Fire Department

## Safety for all heaters

- \*Use in accordance with manufacturers directions
- \*Keep ALL combustibile objects at least 3 feet away
- \*Never allow children or pets to play around heaters
- \*Never use your oven or other cooking appliances to heat your home
- \*Space heaters are not designed to heat large areas
- \*Never leave unattended

## Kerosene heaters

- \*Use only Kerosene! Do not use any other flammable liquids
- \*Never refuel while operating heater or while hot
- \*Do not overfill with fuel
- \*Assure adequate ventilation to remove deadly exhaust fumes
- \*Never refill heater indoors

## Electric heaters

- \*Use heaters with tip-over protection
- \*Never use extension cords. Plug directly into electrical outlet

## Fireplaces

- \*Have chimney professionally cleaned prior to use
- \*Never start a fire with flammable liquids
- \*Remove ashes into a metal container and soak with water outside away from house
- \*Never put ashes into combustibile containers
- \*Assure that fireplace screen is in place prior to use

## And always:

- \*Test your smoke alarms (at least monthly)
- \*Install carbon monoxide detectors if utilizing any heat other than electric



## City Boards & Commissions



The Burlington City Council enlists the guidance of many advisory and quasi-judicial boards, comprised of citizen volunteers. Each year, the City accepts applications for service on these volunteer boards and commissions.

If you are interested in learning more about the City's boards and commission or would like to submit an application for service, please visit [www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Boards](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Boards) or contact the office of Public Information at 222-5076. Applications should be submitted by April 1st.